

(a) the date, when the construction work of by-pass of G.T. Road from Mohan Sarai to Mughal Sarai in Varansi (U.P.) and bridge over Ganga river was started and the target date of completion fixed at that time;

(b) the amount earmarked initially for this project and the expenditure incurred thereon so far;

(c) the details of progress made in this project in terms of percentage;

(d) the action taken against the officials responsible for non-completion of this project as per schedule and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the final date fixed for the completion of this project ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) Dates of start of construction work and completion of this project were as under:-

	Date of start	Target date fixed
1. Road work of by-pass	10/1987	04/1991
2. Ganga Bridge	12/1988	12/1992

(b) A sum of Rs. 49.92 crores was initially earmarked for this project. An expenditure of Rs. 104.46 crores has been incurred upto March, 1997.

(c) 60% and 97% progress has been achieved in respect of road and bridge works respectively.

(d) Delay in the completion of the project was caused due to the following factors:-

- (1) Slow progress of work achieved by the contractor.
- (2) Rescinding, including re-award of road work.
- (3) Litigation.
- (4) Change in specification and re-design of the bridge structure taking into account supplemental measures for long term durability and increased serviceability, issued subsequently.

(e) Target date of completion is December, 1997, subject to the availability of funds.

[English]

National Social Assistance Programme

5618. SHRI BIR SINGH MAHATO : Will the Minister

of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have sanctioned required funds to the National Social Assistance Programme in West Bengal;

(b) the quantum of funds sanctioned and yet to be released under this scheme in West Bengal; and

(c) the steps being taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) to (c) The allocation based on Qualifying Financial Entitlement (QFE) and released made to the state of West Bengal for the last 2 years are given below :

Name of Scheme	Allocation		Release	
	95-96	96-97	95-96	96-97
NOAPS	1971.02	3334.35	976.51	2404.54
NFBS	1071.36	1824.90	531.09	966.50
FMBS	558.14	911.61	274.49	529.17

The release of Central funds to the States is conditional upon substantial utilisation of funds already released to them. The releases shown above are in accordance with the utilisation of funds released earlier, as per the information received from the State Government.

Committee on Rights of Child

5619. SHRI YELLAIAH NANDI :

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether UN has agreed to provide top priority for rights of the child;

(b) if so, whether the UN Committee on rights of child has set up a 10 members independent expert committee to analyse the progress made by the Signatory States and in enforcing the convention;

(c) whether India is also a Signatory and has agreed to abide by all the resolutions passed by the UN on rights of the child;